

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## January 12, 2026, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 838 6503 3996 Passcode: 562638

### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members In-Person:** Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA Vice Chair; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff Watch; Jenny Watson, CHAPS; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Jason Roberts, Jacksonville Sheriff's Watch District 4.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA; Sandy Simmons, Blue Lake Estates HOA; Jackie Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association; Tamika McKenzie, Tamika's Epicure; Zoom User.

**Visitors:** Tim Kerr; Rae Walker, Sheriff Watch; Stef Walter, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Ken Atlee, Atlee Prop Partners; Brian Atlee, Atlee Prop Partners; Nik Johnson; Dennise Cook, Blue Jay Ridge.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Linda and Darnell Barrow.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14; Lieutenant, Kwasi Dingle, JFRD; Commander, Adam Blinn, JSO; Christie Rogers, JPL; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Tiffany Morales, MVA; Jared Chemay, MCCD; Dan Piastuck, Parks, Recreation and Community Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Anne Coglianese, Chief Resiliency Officer; Susan Kelly, Chief of Community Planning; Martin Regnissna, Planning and Development; Doretha Washington.

### Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Vice** Chair Surmons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The November 10, 2025, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Presentation:** Planning and Development
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Commander Adam Blinn reported that total crime for the district was down 31%.
  - Within the last 30 days, there has been an increase in business robberies. The local smoke shops were being held up at gunpoint. The suspects have been arrested and are awaiting their court date.
  - Property crime is down across the board
  - Crime is up in two categories: robberies, abductions, and kidnappings.
  - Citizens should not leave their cars running unattended.
  - Sheriff T K Waters started a new citywide task force, which is made up of a group of officers that will have resources at their disposal to use to target violent crimes, violent suspects, and obtain arrest warrants for those violent people.Commander Blinn may be reached at (904) 573-3165
- 5. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)** – Lt. Kwasi Dingle reported:
  - Citizens using space heaters should remember to:
    - Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable.
    - Place the heater on a level floor and never leave the heater unattended.
    - Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet and unplug them when unused.
    - Inspect heaters regularly for damaged cords before use.
    - Keep kids and pets away from space heaters.
    - Refill Kerosene heaters outside away from your home and don't leave them running overnight.He also recommended:
  - The new year, specifically daylight savings, is a great time to change your smoke detector batteries.
  - Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Discolored or yellowing smoke detectors indicate it is time to replace them.

- Check on family and friends before a severe weather event to ensure they are prepared and afterward to make sure they are safe.

Lt. Kwasi Dingle may be reached at (904) 630-0434 or [KDingle@coj.net](mailto:KDingle@coj.net).

#### 6. **Chair's Report:** None

#### 7. **Staff Reports:**

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Christie Rogers, Manager of Branch Services, reported:
    - The Jax Stacks Reading Challenge for adults has begun. The program is a year-round reading challenge for adults, designed to introduce new series, genres, or formats to readers. Challengers select the 12 categories that interest them most and begin reading. Prizes are available on a first-come basis to those who complete the challenge. More information is available on the Jacksonville Public Library website: [Jax Stacks Reading Challenge for Adults](#).
    - The Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library will be hosting the Community Literacy and Screening Event on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families of the New Worlds Reading literacy program for students in VPK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Help Me Grow Florida will provide developmental screenings for children from birth through age 8. Those interested may register on the Jacksonville Public Library Website. Registration is required.
    - On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch will host a pro-gardening program on how to protect your plants during the winter.
- Christie Rogers may be reached at (904) 904-255-6565 or [ChristieR@coj.net](mailto:ChristieR@coj.net).

- **Military of Veterans Affairs (MVA)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that:
  - The Veterans Stand Down will occur Friday, January 23, 2026, and Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 5000 N. Main St. Services provided on January 24, 2026, include employment, medical, shelter and housing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided on January 24, 2026, include dental, food, clothing, hygiene kits, Veteran Center and Veteran Affairs Services.

Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or [tmorales@coj.net](mailto:tmorales@coj.net).

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported:
    - Municipal Code Compliance Officers have been working on getting caught up on all their initial and new complaints. The strategy was implemented to enable Municipal Code Compliance Officers to address new complaints within 5 days of receipt.
    - The educational topic for the night was regarding address numbering and visibility. Chapter 745.103 sets standards for how residential and business properties must display their addresses on buildings or structures so they are clearly visible. The Jacksonville, Florida, Ordinance Code provides guidelines for the size, placement, and visibility of addresses. A complaint can be made by calling (904) 630-CITY (2489) or using the MyJax Customer Service Online Portal at <https://myjax.custhelp.com/>.
- Jared Chemay may be reached at (904)626-0736 or [JChemay@coj.net](mailto:JChemay@coj.net).

- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Service (PRCS)** – Dan Piastuck, Chief of Recreation, provided an update on park renovations.
  - The installation of outdoor Pickleball Courts at Cecil Field Gym and Fitness Center has been completed. The lights for the back end of the courts are currently out to bid, and installation should be completed by early spring.
  - Jammes Road Park is scheduled for new playground installation and design. The estimated completion is fall 2026.
  - Currently, a new playground is in progress at Lake Fretwell Park. Estimated completion is the end of January 2026. Parking lot upgrades have been completed. ADA-compliant sidewalks connecting the parking lot are in progress. Estimated completion is early spring 2026.
  - The playground is in the design phase for McGirt Creek Park. Estimated completion is the fall of 2026. The removal of fitness equipment from around the pond will begin January 13, 2026. The estimated completion is at the end of January. The parking lot lighting has been repaired.

Dan Piastuck may be reached at (904) 255-7918 or [DPiastuck@coj.net](mailto:DPiastuck@coj.net).

#### 8. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Bruce Tyson reported that the SW CPAC's Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed 2 applications. The subcommittee recommended approving ordinance 2026-0007 with conditions.

- **Ordinance 2024-0007 - Planned Unit Development – 5807 Morse Avenue:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 9.7 acres of property from RR-Acre to a PUD. The applicant seeks to develop the proposed property with single-family homes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application with the following conditions. The developer provides information to support the CPAC's continued review and to enhance community transparency: the proposed home price points, a digital rendering of the proposed home design, and the number of bedrooms and parking spaces per home. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

Andy Hetzel may be reached at (904) 255-7821 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net)

- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – No Report
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

**9. Unfinished Business** - None

**10. New Business** – None

**11. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware made a brief announcement regarding JTA Services in Cheryl Riddick's absence. Michelle presented Mr. Bruce Tyson with certificates of appreciation for serving on the Park Safety Council and the Taxation, Revenue Utilization Expenditures Commission. She announced that the Neighborhoods Department will publish a bimonthly newsletter via email. All those registered in the Neighborhood Departments Neighborhood Directory will receive a copy. Michelle also announced that Neighborhood Services has begun working with the Urban Core CPAC in conjunction with Planning District 1's Melanin Market to organize the first Neighborhood Block Party. The next District will be the Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC Planning District 2, scheduled for April 2026.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or [Michelllegw@coj.net](mailto:Michelllegw@coj.net).

**12. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Rae Walker announced that the Sheriff Watch meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. Sheriff Watch meetings are a good way to learn about the various units within JSO and their many roles. The SWAT team will be speaking at February's meeting.

**13. Elected Officials' Reports:**

- Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14, reported on a meeting he attended with JTA and the community regarding customers' concerns about the rumor that paratransit, connection, and connection plus would possibly be canceled. There will be changes to how the service operates, but it will not be canceled.
- Construction on the stadium will start soon.
- Each Planning District has received a million dollars to do special community projects in its district. If there are projects in District 4 that citizens would like to have considered, please reach out to your Council Member.
- Council Member Johnson gave a brief update regarding the Wonderland Corridor project, which is to run from Blanding Boulevard to Cecil Commerce Center down 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. The goal of the project is to help businesses and improve business development along the corridor and, ideally, make it a destination comparable to the St. John's Town Center. Council Member Johnson plans to distribute a survey in March or April to gather input on the project.

Council Member Johnson may be reached at (904) 255-5214 or [Rahman@coj.net](mailto:Rahman@coj.net).

**14. Adjourn:** Vice Chair Surmons adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: February 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m.** In person at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom (Meeting ID: 838 6503 3996; Passcode: 562638). A formal notice will be sent to members via email.

**Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: February 9, 2026, 5:30 p.m.** In person at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom (Meeting ID: 838 6503 3996; Passcode: 562638). A formal notice will be sent to members via email.

**Summary prepared by** Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, 255-8236 or [michelllegw@coj.net](mailto:michelllegw@coj.net).

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